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Mr. David A. Wright
Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Drive #100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Dear Mr. Wright:

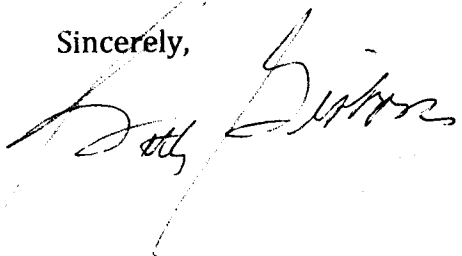
A recent invoice from South Carolina Electric & Gas included a note to its customers that the Public Service Commission has approved yet another rate increase for them to pass to their customers. The message sounds as though this rate increase is a fait accompli, however, AARP is calling its South Carolina members to advise of a public hearing scheduled for November so that opposition voices may be heard. Unfortunately and as is customary, the public hearing locations given are not convenient to many, which is probably why they are held where they are.

Since South Carolina Electric & Gas is our sole provider for this area, we are at the mercy of this utility supplying our home with power. Most homes in this locale are all electric, so any and all rate increases stress everyone's budget. In today's economy and shrinking income streams, especially those of us on fixed incomes, any increase in utilities, a much needed commodity, puts a strain on the pocket.

If it is not too late, please, please turn down this requested increase by South Carolina Electric for its Rate 6 and Rate 8 residential service. No doubt, another increase notice will be forthcoming in the very near future which we also hope the Public Service Commission will take a long hard look at before allowing. There's only so much money people have available to pay for monthly utilities, even with SCE&G's available budget plan.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please turn down this rate increase that South Carolina Electric & Gas has requested.

Sincerely,



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